

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the present application in view of the reasons that follow.

A detailed listing of all claims that are, or were, in the application, irrespective of whether the claim(s) remain under examination in the application, is presented, with an appropriate status identifier.

Claims 1-17 have been cancelled without prejudice. Claims 28-39 have been added.

Claims 18-19 and 21-39 are now pending in this application.

1. Rejection of Claims 18, 19, 21, 22, and 24-27 Under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as Being Unpatentable Over Ghassabian in View of Katsura

These claims stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ghassabian (U.S. Patent No. 7,020,270) in view of Katsura (U.S. Patent No. 6,377,324). The Advisory Action states:

The applicant argues that Ghassabian fails to teach a flexible electronic display that may be viewed in both a folded and unfolded state. The examiner respectfully disagrees. With respect to Ghassabian Figs. 16a-16c the detailed description specifically teaches that the display can be used both in a folded manner as well as an unfolded manner (Ghassabian, Col. 27 lines 20-34).

Referring now to the display assembly of Claim 18, Ghassabian fails to teach a display assembly having a “first viewing area foldable underneath the second viewing area” and “wherein a user may view images on the second viewing area when the display assembly is folded and on the combined first and second viewing areas when the display assembly is unfolded,” as recited in Claim 18.

With reference to FIG. 8 of the present application as a non-limiting, exemplary embodiment, it can be seen that a user of the handheld computer may view images on a second viewing area (e.g., the back side of 712 or 714) when the display assembly is folded.

If the user feels that the small format of the display is inadequate for the task at hand, the user would enlarge the flexible display to provide an enlarged viewing area spanning a plurality of panes (e.g., at least two of 712, 714 and 716). In this embodiment, a display capable of displaying out of both sides of a viewing area (e.g., 712 or 714) is used to enable this functionality.

None of the embodiments shown in FIGs. 16A through E of Ghassabian provide the combination of features of a “first viewing area foldable underneath the second viewing area” and “wherein a user may view images on the second viewing area when the display assembly is folded and on the combined first and second viewing areas when the display assembly is unfolded feature.” For example, if one section of the embodiment of FIG. 16B is folded underneath another section, nothing would be displayed to the user. To the contrary, Claim 18 recites that “a user may view images on the second viewing area when the display assembly is folded.”

Katsura, also cited by the Examiner, likewise fails to teach or suggest the above limitation of claim 18.

Claim 24, and the claims dependent from claims 18 and 24 contain similar limitations to those discussed above. Accordingly, these claims are allowable for at least the same reasons as claim 18. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of these claims is respectfully requested.

Claim 19 depends from claim 18 and recites “wherein the expandable display assembly is electronic paper (e-paper).” The Final Office Action points to Figs. 16b and 16c, col. 27 lines 20-34 of Ghassabian. The figures merely show two different embodiments of foldable LCDs. Col. 27 lines 20-34 fails to teach e-paper. It recites that the LCD may be credit card size and that, when opened or unfolded, the LCD width “can almost be the same width of a standard A4/A5 paper.” However, electronic paper is a particular type of bistable display technology, which is not disclosed anywhere in Ghassabian. Accordingly, Claim 19 is allowable for at least this additional reason.

2. Rejection of Claim 23 Under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as Being Unpatentable Over Ghassabian in View of Katsura and Further in View of Charlier.

On page 9 of the Final Office Action, claim 23 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ghassabian in view of Katsura and further in view of Charlier (U.S. Patent Appl. Publ. No. 2003/0064751). Claim 23 depends from claim 18, which is patentable over Ghassabian in view of Katsura. Accordingly, dependent claim 23 is patentable for at least the same reasons and reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of dependent claim is respectfully requested.

3. New Claims

Claims 28-39 have been added. These claims recite a mobile computing device comprising a power source, a processor, a transceiver which communicates information wirelessly and a bistable display (e.g., e-paper or eInk) coupled to the processor. Both Ghassabian and Katsura fail to disclose a bistable display. Consideration and allowance of these claims is respectfully requested.

3. Conclusion

Applicants believe that the present application is now in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is felt that a telephone interview would advance the prosecution of the present application.

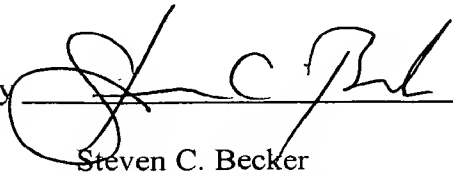
The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 06-1447. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check or credit card payment form being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 06-1447. If any extensions of time are needed for timely acceptance of papers submitted herewith, Applicants hereby petition for

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